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| For: A WAFER PROCESSING APPARATUS |) |
| HAVING A CHAMBER WITH AN UPPER |) |
| WALL HAVING GAS SUPPLY OPENINGS |) |
| FORMED THEREIN WHICH PROMOTE |) |
| MORE EVEN PROCESSING OF A WAFER |) |
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 5, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A Request Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith.

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